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PLATE HEAT EXCHANGER

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of February 27, 2002, please amend the aboveidentified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please **cancel** claims 9, 10, 11 and 14 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

Please amend the claims as follows:

(Amended) A plate heat exchanger block comprising:

a housing, at least partly within said housing a plurality of sheets (2) of at least partially corrugated metal arranged parallel to one another and forming a plurality of heat-exchange passages, at least one header (3) in communication with at least some of the heat-exchange passages, wherein at least two parts (1, 2, 3) of the plate heat exchanger block consist essentially of metallic materials that cannot be welded to one another and

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